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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	61
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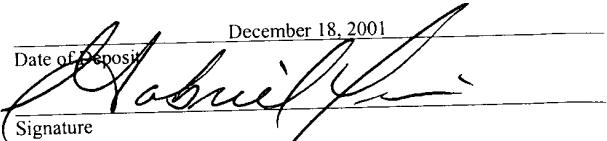
## Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 1 page, and Form PTO-892, 3 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of those documents are not provided. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the forms PTO-1449 and PTO-892 with the examiner's initials.

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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/951,819, filed October 14, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Under 35 USC §119, this application claims the benefit Japanese serial number 8-294419, filed October 15, 1996, and Japanese serial number 8-301250, filed October 24, 1996.

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on April 8, 1998 at Reel/Frame 9100/0627.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/951,819 filed October 14, 1997 (now U.S. PATENT 6,365,933 B1 pending).

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